

“POSTAGE” DISCOVERIES.

Crete. *British Sphere of Administration.* Our publisher has discovered the local stamp of 1898, 20 paradés, mauve on *yellowish wove paper* instead of on the usual white laid paper. The stamp is perforated with the number “28” the significance of which is unknown to us. It is obliterated by a large single lined circle containing the Union Jack and the word “KANDIA” below, in a similar style to the design of the Fiscal, Type 1, which we illustrated last month.

Japan. Mr. W. C. Eaton, of Barberton, Ohio, writes with regard to the $\frac{1}{2}$ sen, brown of the 1872 issue:—“I have in my collection two copies of this stamp, one of which is perf 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ at right and 11 on the other three sides and one perf 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ at right and bottom and 11 on the other two sides.”

Our publisher has had a used copy of stamp No. 153, *perf* 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11.

GREAT BRITAIN ENVELOPES.

WITH FIRMS' NAMES IN BAND ROUND STAMP.

Our publisher has discovered some hitherto unchronicled varieties of these Government printed envelopes, all dated 22/7/63.

2d., blue, *British Workman*, 9 Paternoster Row, London.

2d., „ Saunders, Otley and Co., 66 Brook Street, London.

1/- green, *British Workman*, 9 Paternoster Row, London.

1/- „ Saunders, Otley and Co., 66 Brook Street, London.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on May 1st, 1902. Messrs J. W. Stock and German Helmrich (of Mexico) were duly elected members.

The fiscals of the Canadian provinces and Cape of Good Hope were discussed and catalogued.

It is intended to commence the Exchange Section in September next, and if suitable arrangements can be made, packets will be made up for circulation on the Continent and in America. Further particulars will be given later.

Rules and any other information can be had from the Hon. Sec.: A. B. KAY, 35, Bessborough Street, London, S.W.

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. at 65 Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C. when the Society's list of Canada will be revised and Griqualand discussed and catalogued.

Members are expected to bring their collections or send full notes of any unlisted varieties in these countries.

TELEGRAPH CHRONICLE.

Cashmere. Mr. K. Peerbhoy sends us the top half of a new Telegraph stamp, of the same type as the Revenue stamp illustrated in our March number of last year, except that there is a curved label bearing the word “TELEGRAPH” above the Arms in centre. No wmk. Perf 14.

8 (?) annas, yellow and pale blue

Costa Rica. Our publisher has received the 20c, postage stamp of 1892, bearing the hand-stamped surcharge “TELEGRAPHO” in large black block letters.

20 cent., scarlet, sur. “TELEGRAFO”

Transvaal. Mr. Tamsen informs us that he has seen the following postage stamps of 1896, surcharged “TRANSVAAL TELEGRAPHS” in black block letters.

3 pence, purple and green

4 „ „ sage green „

6 „ „ lilac „

2/6 „ „ purple „

Provisional

1/- on 2/6 purple and green

FISCAL CHRONICLE. NEW ISSUES and DISCOVERIES.

We desire to make this feature of special value to collectors, and would point out that it is one to which nearly all should be able to contribute at times. Subscribers resident abroad are requested to send early intimation of new issues. Whenever possible, all notes should be accompanied by the specimens referred to, of which every care will be taken, and which will be promptly returned, or an exchange tendered as may be requested. Communications should be addressed to the Editor.

Afghanistan. The May number of the *Philatelic Journal of India* contains a paper on “A Few Afghan Fiscals” by Mr. Masson from which we list the stamps recorded below.

Bills. Referring to the black circular stamps chronicled by us in April, the author informs us that they are part of a series of *Bill* stamps, bearing date 1289 (1871-72). The Persian inscriptions round the outer circle, commencing at the position of 6 o'clock on the dial, reading from right to left means “Bill Duty, Kingdom of Kabul, 1289.” Within the inner circle is stated the bill limit which the stamps legalized. The series, as far as known at present, consists of the following 8 values.

50, 100, 200, 300, 400,) rupees, black

500, 1000, 2000,) (oil colour)

1893. (Dated 1310.) Type similar to the postage stamps of 1892, but larger, Gibbons Types

41-43. On pelure paper.

580 rupees, green (oil colour)

580 „ „ black (not seen used)

Export Customs. Date? An oblong stamp, with characters in Arabic too indistinct to be decipherable. On thin wove paper.

Value? claret, (water colour.)

1893 (Dated 1310). Like the 1 abasi postage stamp of this date, Type 44 in Gibbons, but without the long tailed character which divides all postage stamps, from 1310, into upper and lower halves.